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REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated November 23, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the Species I. This election is made with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 to 12 read on the features illustrated in Figs. 1-5 of the elected species.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of both species I and species II are sufficiently related that a thorough search and examination of any one species would necessarily encompass the search and examination of the remaining species. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the entire application can be searched and examined without serious burden and that the criteria for a proper restriction requirement as set forth in MPEP §803 has not been met.

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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement are respectfully requested

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